

THE FIRST NAVAL BATTLE

Off the Phillippine Islands---The Americans Win a Glorious Victory.

COMPLETELY ANNIHILATE THE SPANISH FLEET

Havana at the Mercy of Com-
modore Sampson--But all
is Peaceful.

BOMBARDMENT OF MATANZAS HARBOR.

The Events of the Past Week Briefly Told
—The Havana Blockade Causes Hunger and Starvation in the City—Insurgents and U. S. Troops Unite to Action Against Blanco's Army—Spaniards Burning and Destroying Plantations—Other News of the War.

APRIL 28TH.

The war situation is substantially this: The blockading squadron remains passive before Havana with no present intention of bombarding or drawing the fire of the shore batteries. The regular troops are concentrated will be sent to Cuba and will be protected by ships of war. The regular troops will be commanded by Brig. Gen. W. R. Shafter, who for twenty years has been engaged in fighting Indians on the Mexican border. He is at present in command of the regular troops.

The strategic board states the effective blockade of Cuba is being accomplished to the entire satisfaction of the authorities here. There is no indication that a part of the fleet will be withdrawn for the purpose of affording additional protection of North Atlantic ports.

As to the reports of the imminence of a naval battle off the Philippine Islands, the naval authorities here seriously doubt that the Spanish fleet will make a stand against the American ships. Their reason for this belief is that the Spanish fleet

very inferior in number and quality to the American force under Admiral Dewey. The navy department, therefore, is satisfied that the Spanish fleet will not give battle on the high seas with Admiral Dewey, and will remain in port to secure the protection of the batteries of Manila.

and consequently an engagement is not expected for about two days.

Famine of Hunger.

Havana even now feels the pinch of the blockade. When Spanish food of food becomes imperative, even if there is money enough in the

try to make it work while, there is no doubt, that it is highly likely to be made many attempts to break the blockade running, but Rear Admiral Sampson says they will be unsuccessful. Then will come the inevitable and Havana will be forced to surrender and beg for food.

The appearance of the Spanish stand an attempt to raise the blockade are contingencies that must be considered.

Information regarding the movement of the insurgents is meagre. It is known that as many as can are leaving Havana. The insurgent

of the dynasty.

China has not yet issued a neutrality proclamation, and the delay in this case is received with satisfaction by the United States government, since it may permit the Asiatic Squadron in a further supply of coal at a Chinese port.

To Speedily Break State Camps.

The advisability of having volunteer troops break State camps as soon as possible has been impressed upon the administration. Greater efficiency can be reached and better discipline enforced when the soldiers are away from

movement upon Havana and the
ences. This seems hardly feasi-
ble. The scarcity of food is bound
to affect insurgents and Spaniards
alike. As soon as the former carry
their campaign into the far north of
the island they are confronted with
the problem of transportation.

BOMBARDMENT OF MATANZAS.

As Forts Also Fired at the Warships, but Without Effect—A Number of Spaniards Are Believed to Have Been Killed—Excellent Marksmanship Displayed by the

A VICTORIOUS NAVAL BATTLE.

Heavy Damage and Loss by the Spaniards—Americans Suffer Little Loss.

MAY 1st.

Commodore Dewey's squadron has

The New York, the Puritan and the Cincinnati bombarded the forts the mouth of Mantanzas harbor after noon. There was no casualty on our side, but it is believed that the hail of iron which pounded

the forts must have caused loss of life to the Spaniards, though nothing is known definitely.

Lasted Eighteen Minutes.

The engagement commenced at 1:07 and ceased at 1:25. The object of the attack was to prevent the entrance of the Spanish fleet at Ponce.

A battery on the eastward arm of the bay opened fire on the flagship, and this was also shelled. About 12 4-inch shells were fired from the stern forts, and all fell short. From five or six light shells were

The ships left the bay for the open sea, the object of discovering the whereabouts of the batteries having been accomplished. In the neighborhood

of the bay. At the conclusion of the engagement Commodore Dewey's ships anchored in the bay. None of the American ships was destroyed.

From the information at hand as to the composition of the Spanish fleet it appears that but two unarmored gunboats of about 1,100 tons each, and two

hooed of three hundred snits were on land from the three ships at a age of from four thousand to sev thousand yards.

ear-Admiral Sampson, when asked he was satisfied with the result, e: "Yes, I am; I expected to be."

half-completed Spanish earth-

or three gunboats of about 500 tons each escaped destruction or severe damage. As to these Spanish reports say that several were sunk "to avoid capture."

Spain's Official Dispatches.

MADRID, May 1-8 p. m.—The fol-

Excellent Marksmanship.
All the ships engaged showed excellent marksmanship throughout the engagement, and when they were fired at the shortest range nearly av-

April 29.

It is now only a question of a few days when the first detachment of United States troops will sail from Cavite and Manila.

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THE SITUATION.
The war situation is briefly, clearly,
and admirably stated in THE CAUCASIAN's
Washington letter published in
another column headed: Is there
method in the madness? We will not
take the space to review the facts set
forth there in an editorial, but will
ask our readers to turn to the Wash-
ington letter.

HOW IS THIS FOR CO-OPERATION.
When the Republican bond scheme
was before the House on last Friday
the Populists, silver Democrats and
silver Republicans co-operated to
strike that infamous section out of the
bill and insert in lieu thereof a pro-
vision for an issue of legal tender
greenbacks. We quote from the Con-
gressional Record of April 29th, page
1844:

Mr. Bland: Mr. Chairman, I offer
the substitute I sent to the desk for
this section.
The substitute was read, as follows:
That the Secretary of the Treasury is
hereby authorized and directed to cause to
be engraved and printed United States
Treasury notes to the amount of \$100,000,000.
Said Treasury notes shall be a legal tender
and be issued in like denominations as
now provided by law by United States
notes commonly called "greenbacks." That
the Treasury notes herein authorized shall
be covered from time to time in the discharge of
public expenditures as the exigencies of the
Treasury may require.
Sec. 2. That a sufficient sum of money
is hereby appropriated, out of any money
in the Treasury or otherwise appropriated,
to carry this act into effect.

This greenback substitute for bonds
was supported by every Populist, silver
Democrat and silver Republican. Did
they do right to co-operate for green-
backs and to defeat bonds? Certainly!
Did they succeed? There was not
enough of them in Congress. Then
why should not the voters who are op-
posed to bonds and in favor of
greenbacks (who make a majority of the
voters) join hands—co-operate to
send more such men to Congress—to
elect a majority of Congress? This is
the way to get greenbacks and to
defeat bonds.

Of course all gold and monopoly
Democrats are fighting against such a
co-operation, and, strange to say,
some Populists are helping them.

May the Lord have mercy on their
souls; they know not what they do.

THE WAR TAX BILL.
On last Friday evening the House
passed a bill to raise revenue to carry on
the war against Spain. Every patriotic
American is in favor of raising suffi-
cient revenue to prosecute the war vigor-
ously and to a successful conclusion,
but every honest and patriotic American
is also in favor of raising this revenue
in a just and proper manner, in
favor of raising it by a tax that will
require every one to pay according to
his means.

But what kind of a bill has the Re-
publican administration put through
the House by a party vote? It is a bill
the chief purpose of which is to in-
crease the power and rule of national
banks, and to fasten the gold standard
more thoroughly upon the necks of the
people. It is a bill to tax the already
over-taxed masses, while allowing a
great majority of the wealth of the
country to pay practically nothing.

The bill provides for raising money
by taxation as follows:
Fermented liquors, \$35,000,000; to-
bacco, \$15,000,000; cigars, \$5,000,000;
dealers in tobacco and cigars, \$5,000,000;
stamp taxes, \$30,000,000; making in
all between ninety and one hundred
millions. This is all of the money to be
raised by taxation, and the burden of
this will fall upon the producing
and laboring masses.
But the largest amount of money to
carry on the war is to be raised by an-
other means. There is a provision in
the bill authorizing the President to
sell five hundred million of interest
bearing bonds. The patriotic people of
America have gone to war not only
to keep the blowing up of the Maine,
but to keep the patriotic Cubans from
being saddled and mortgaged with a
perpetual bond debt of over four hun-
dred millions. But now comes this
goldbug and monopoly administration
of ours and proposes to punish the pa-
triotic sentiment of the American peo-
ple by putting a bond mortgage on
us of over five hundred millions,
because we dared speak out for
Cuban liberty. In short, the bond
sharks and the gold syndicate
first tried to prevent any action being
taken to free Cuba, and that the Spanish
bondholders could continue to bleed
this island, but when American indig-
nation had grown so strong that they
feared to resist it further, they took
another tact, and now the bleeding
process is to be transferred to the
American people, and our American
President joins in the conspiracy.

There is not the least necessity
or excuse for issuing a single bond.
About five per cent. of the peo-
ple of the United States own over half
of its wealth. If the millionaires and
plutocrats who have absorbed by un-
just legislation and special privileges
more than half of the wealth of the

country were today paying as much as
the average man pays in proportion to
their ability, it would raise five times
the money necessary to run the war.
This money could be raised by an in-
come tax. It could be raised without
any taxation at all. It could be raised
as Lincoln raised it in the late war:
by issuing legal tender greenbacks.
Both of these propositions were offered
by the Populists, silver Republicans
and silver Democrats in the House,
but the gold-bug majority voted it
down and declared for bonds! bonds!
bonds!

The fight over this infamous measure
will be waged in the Senate this week.
We know that every Populist and
silver Republican, and we believe that
every silver Democrat will join in the
fight against the infamous monstrous
bond scheme, but we fear that there
are enough gold Democrats who will
desert to the Republicans to fasten a
mortgage upon the necks of our peo-
ple.

At a caucus of the Populists and
silver Republicans a few nights since
the following resolutions were passed.
This resolution points out the true,
honest, just and patriotic way to raise
the revenue to run the war.
This proposition was adopted by Con-
gress, we would have prosperity in
spite of the war. With the other pro-
position, the bond conspiracy, adopted,
money will be scarce and times hard-
er than ever before.

RESOLVED, That we oppose an in-
crease of the bonded indebtedness of
the United States but we will promptly
and cheerfully vote all necessary
means to successfully prosecute the
war by authorizing further taxation,
including an income tax, and authoriz-
ing the immediate coinage of the
gold, anticipating the same by the
issuance of silver certificates, and by
authorizing such an increase of the
volume of legal tender notes as may be
necessary.

**IS MARK HANNA EDITING POPULIST
PAPERS?**

We referred last week to the "ready-
made editorials" which are being writ-
ten at goldbug headquarters and mail-
ed out each week from Washington
and Baltimore to certain Populist pa-
pers all over the country. These ready-
made editorials (which some
Populist papers are publishing) are
filled with abuse of Chairman Butler
and Mr. Bryan, but never a word is
said to warn the people of the Cleve-
land and Hanna conspiracy to fasten
upon the people the domination and
curse of gold and monopoly rule. Dur-
ing the last week we have received a
number of these editorial proof sheets,
which have been sent to us by papers
receiving them. One middle-of-the-
road paper which had received this
stuff sent it to us saying that if Mark
Hanna was to be the leader of the mid-
dle-of-the-road element that he was
done with it.

In another column we publish a sam-
ple of these ready-made editorials sent
out to Populist papers by goldbug
money. This column of editorial pa-
graphs was mailed in an envelope
postmarked at Baltimore, but the stuff
was no doubt prepared in Washington,
and we believe at Republican head-
quarters.

We notice that the editor of the
Hickory Mercury has received some of
these proof sheets. The editor of that
paper who is clear-headed and as true
as steel, comments upon the goldbug
scheme as follows:

"We believe that the Populist ad-
vance profits sent out each week from
Baltimore, are paid for by 'Mark
Hanna's money.' These are sent out
doubtless for the only purpose of split-
ting the Populist party and to keep it
from uniting with other reform forces
to down the Cleveland, McKinley and
Wall Street combine. Senator Butler
seems to be the great object of hate.
The strange thing to us is that some
Southern papers whose editors claim
to be wise and honest, allow themselves
to be used as willing tools for this
devilish gold bug scheme.

The California Searchlight and a number
of other Populist papers have also re-
ceived these editorials and seen through
their purpose and authorship. The
Plaindealer in its issue of last week in
an editorial says:

"We are regularly in receipt of 'pre-
pared editorials' claiming to emanate
from Populists. As the editorials are
mainly designed to disrupt and destroy
the People's Party, we most respect-
fully decline their publication. Early
in the week we have had a letter de-
claring our own thinking, and are too old
to change now. They are called mid-
dle-of-the-road editorials, and are de-
voted to abuse of Chairman Butler and
other leaders. They are most likely
prepared by an agent of Mark Hanna.
Not any for us, if you please.

It is hard to believe that any Popu-
list paper that receives this stuff and
publishes it is honest. There is not a
Populist editor in the country who
knows the purpose and source
from which this stuff comes as well as
the editor of the Hickory Mercury and
the editor of the Plaindealer, and other
true Populist editors who are de-
claring it. Yet, strange to say, there
are Populist papers each week pub-
lishing just this kind of stuff. Let
every Populist watch the papers that
fill their columns each week with the
kind of stuff that is being sent out
from goldbug headquarters. Clip this
ready-made goldbug editorial stuff out
of another column of this paper where
we publish it and keep it and compare
the editorials of certain Populist pa-
pers each week with it. A word to the
wise is sufficient.

ONE WORD OF WARNING.

THE CAUCASIAN takes the liberty of
giving one word of warning. When
our country convention meets be sure
that every man who is elected a dele-
gate is a true Populist, a man who
puts the principles of his party and
the welfare of his country above all
other considerations. At nearly every
county convention there will be some
one to make a proposition in the in-
terest of "harmony" that some or at
least one of the bolting Populists (who
have shown their preference for mo-
nopoly) shall be put on as a delegate.
Suppose a certain county convention
elects fifteen delegates, the proposi-
tion will be that the majority of the
true Populists ought to give at least
one of the fifteen to the bolters. If
this is done what will happen? We
all know that from hardly a single
county will the whole number of dele-
gates elected come to the State con-
vention. Probably only two or three
or maybe not more than one or two will
come. But of one thing you may rest

assured: If you put a single delegate
who is more in love with, or under
the influence of goldbug Republicans
than Populist principles or who favors
the Charlotte Observer's proposition to
defeat co-operation of all who are
opposed to gold and monopoly, that
that one delegate will be certain to at-
tend. Ways and means will be pro-
vided to get him to the convention.
Now suppose only one of your whole
number can attend the convention, then
under the plan of organization that monopoly
Populists vote half of the votes of your
county.

It is unpleasant to refer to these
things, but it is our duty to the people
to do so. We know that this scheme
and dozens of others are being worked
in order that the sentiment of the
honest rank and file of the party may
be misrepresented in the State conven-
tion.

Go to your primaries, elect none but
true men to your county convention; let
the county convention elect as dele-
gates men who are true Populists; then
if but one delegate of your whole num-
ber can attend he will vote the honest
sentiments of your county.

**EVERY HONEST POPULIST REPU-
DIATES IT.**

Several weeks ago the Charlotte Ob-
server published an interview with Mr.
J. L. Ramsey, editor of the Progressive
Farmer, in which Mr. Ramsey was
quoted as saying that the Populists
would make a proposition to the Demo-
crats for co-operation but that its
purpose was simply to fool the Demo-
crats. We did not believe that Mr.
Ramsey was correctly reported, and we
have looked every day and week since
for him to repudiate the interview.
In the meantime the Charlotte Ob-
server has frequently commented
editorially on the interview, and has
used it as a part of its goldbug and
monopoly creed to prevent co-operation.

**THE FOLLOWING IS ONE OF THE OBSER-
VER'S EDITORIALS ON THE INTERVIEW:**

"Dr. Joyful Laughter Ramsey, the
editor of the Progressive Farmer, goes
far with his outspoken truthfulness, his
modesty and his courage. He has the
average of treachery, unscrupulousness
and easiness of the Populist leadership.
Thus he was quoted by our Raleigh
correspondent, a few days ago, as be-
lieving that the Populists were making
him an offer for his opinion of the new
Populist movement for fusion with
the Democrats: 'It was to fool the
Democrats and to get them to believe
that the Populists would make the
Democrats a proposition but that it
would be said of him, Dr. Ramsey
is nothing of a liar and he is too honest
to evade a direct question. He has
told the exact truth about the purpose
of this offer of fusion; it is 'to fool
the Democrats.' Whether he is correct
in his conclusion that they will 'bite'
time will tell. They will not if Solom-
on had human beings in mind when he
said, 'Surely in vain the net is spread
in the sight of any bird.' Dr. Ramsey
has put them on notice."

If Mr. Ramsey was not correctly re-
ported we trust he will lose no time in
correcting this outrageous statement.
But whether he does or not THE CAUCASIAN
wants to say that if he gave
any such interview or if he said any-
thing that could be construed to mean
that the Populists would make the
Democrats a proposition but that it
would not be in good faith, that then,
on behalf of the party we repudiate
any such statement and brand it as a
libel upon every honest Populist in
the State.

There is one thing that can be said
of the Populist party, and even our
bitterest enemies must confess it: that
the Populists are honest, sincere, pa-
triotic and straightforward. What-
ever proposition they make will be made
honestly and in good faith.

SIMMONS AGAINST CO-OPERATION.

We published in the Charlotte Ob-
server a letter from Mr. F. M. Sim-
mons, in which he declares against co-
operation as advised by Mr. Bryan.
Mr. Simmons favors the course which
the Charlotte Observer has been ad-
vocating, and says he is willing to be
Democratic State Chairman if there is
no co-operation. This is just the posi-
tion that everybody expected Mr. Sim-
mons to take, for it is well known that
he is not at heart a silver man; but, on
the other hand, is a Clevelandite and a
high up member of the Ransom ma-
chine. He was chairman of the Demo-
cratic State Executive Committee in
1892 when the Democratic party sold
out to the goldbugs by nominating
Grover Cleveland for President. It was
he who made the ruling that any man
who would not support Cleveland was
not a Democrat and could not af-
filiate with the party. It was when
this position was taken by the Rans-
om and Cleveland goldbug machine
on thousands of Democratic voters re-
volved and went into the People's party.
Mr. Simmons and those of his kind
are not Democrats of the Jeffersonian
and Bryan stripe, and if the Demo-
cratic party is to stand by the principles
that Mr. Bryan advocates the quicker
it disposes and puts in the background
such so-called leaders as Mr. Simmons
the better.

We notice that Col. Waddell has al-
so written a letter opposing co-operation
as advised by Mr. Bryan. The goldbug
published his letter in the goldbug
railroad organ known as the Raleigh
Post. This does not surprise us either.
Col. Waddell declined to make a
silver speech in 1895 for the reason
that he was employed as attorney by
certain parties who were opposed to
silver. It is not the same influence
that controls him now?

A QUESTION AND A FACT.

The Progressive Farmer in its issue
two weeks ago made a very uncalled
for, a very untrue, and a very untrue
attack upon Senator Butler. In its
last issue it made an equally unjust
and untrue attack on the editor of the
Hickory Mercury. It is not our pur-
pose to reply to these attacks of the
Progressive Farmer, further than to
ask a question and emphasize a fact.
Question: Can it be untrue and un-
patriotic in the Hickory Mercury and
Senator Butler to seek to unite all of
the forces and factions opposed to the
domination of gold and monopoly for
the purpose of securing the financial
reforms for which the Populist have
always contended?

The fact we wish to emphasize is
that the Progressive Farmer wants all
Populists in the future to act with the
Republican party for the division of

some official leaves and fishes in spite
of the fact that that party stands
pledged to the single gold standard
and is the champion of every form of
monopoly oppression that has been in-
vented in this country.

We are sorry to record the secession
of the Progressive Farmer from Popu-
list principles; but however we may
regret it we cannot help it. To the
gold and monopoly enemy, it seems to
have gone over "horse, foot, and drag-
oons." The Charlotte Observer, the
Raleigh Post, and all of the other gold
and monopoly organs will be delig-
ated to see the policy the Progressive
Farmer is now advocating.

**ARE YOU OFFERED TO GOLD AND MO-
NOPOLY?**

If so, read the following taken from
Mr. Bryan's letter advocating co-opera-
tion: "If we (who are opposed to gold and
monopoly) are in earnest we must have
harmony amongst ourselves. If there
be those who would divide us, let them
be summarily and emphatically rebuked
by the people, who have none but
high and patriotic motives. We are
asking no man to abandon his party
or change his politics, we ask no
one to yield any principle; but in this
great contest we must all go to all good
men to stand solidly together for liberty
and humanity, and strike down
forever this conspiracy of gold and
monopoly."

Why have so few Democratic papers
in this State published Mr. Bryan's
letter containing the above? If they
were honestly opposed to gold and
monopoly and sincerely in favor of
Bryan and his principles would they
not have published his letter with
great prominence and with editorial
approval?

ALL IS PERFECTLY NATURAL.

Ex-Democratic State Chairman Pon,
has joined ex-Democratic State Chair-
man Simmons in opposing Mr. Bryan's
plan of co-operation. This is perfect-
ly natural, Pon and Simmons are
both high muck-amucks in the Rans-
om machine. They are both more in
sympathy with Grover Cleveland than
with W. J. Bryan. Mr. Bryan has ac-
curately described both of them when
he said that every bolter from the
party in the last legislature favors
this goldbug policy. In fact so many
bad men are in favor of the defeat of
co-operation it is time for all good
men to stop and think.

Our readers will remember the re-
cent letter from Mr. Morrison H.
Caldwell, Chairman of the Populist
Committee of Cabarrus county, pub-
lished in THE CAUCASIAN. He pointed
out that the Southern Railway had on
for a number of cunning devices to
try to control the coming Populist
State convention. THE CAUCASIAN
has also received several other letters
sounding the same warning. We do
not believe it is possible for any of
these monopoly schemes to succeed in
the Populist Party, but it is well
enough to be on the outlook. Remem-
ber, "eternal vigilance is the price of
liberty."

We call attention to the resolutions
passed by the People's party conven-
tion of Oklahoma, which will be found
in another column of this issue. It
shows the sentiment existing among
Populists for a co-operation with the
forces that are opposed to domination
of our government by the gold syn-
dicate and monopoly rings, wherever
such a co-operation can be had on
terms fair and honorable alike to all
parties to the co-operation.

THIS IS A GEM.

It is well known that Mr. Bryan is a
Jeffersonian Democrat in the fullest
sense of the word. He believes in the
rule of the people, therefore he favors
the Initiative and Referendum. He
has stated this great principle in a
sentence. It is a gem:

"The principle of the Initiative and
Referendum is democratic. It will not
be opposed by any Democrat who en-
forces the declaration of Jefferson that
the people are capable of self-govern-
ment, nor will it be opposed by any
Republican who holds to Lincoln's ideal
that this should be a government of
the people, by the people and for the
people."

NO SENSE IN IT.

Col. F. Norton in his paper the
Farmer's Sentinel says:

We notice that many of the Populist
papers are in favor of the State con-
vention next July. It strikes us that
there is plenty to do in the Con-
gressional campaign this year. We
have yet to hear the first sound reason
for a two years' campaign."

In another editorial in the same pa-
per he says:

"Some of our very highly esteemed
journalistic co-workers seem to think
that their orthodoxy as middle-of-the-
roaders is to be measured by the
ambiguities of the policy of the People's Party."

Col. Norton was the candidate of the
mid-roads for President at the last
national Convention.

"IMPROPER INTIMACY."

Butler should be fired for "improper
intimacy" with the Democratic party.
—Morgan's Buzz Saw.

Butler has had no "improper inti-
macy" with the Democratic party. He
has simply been true to the principles
of his party and has refused to run
from them because the Democratic
party saw fit to endorse a part of them.
But what kind of "improper inti-
macy" has W. S. Morgan, the editor of
the Buzz-Saw, been having with Mark
Hanna to get his brother-in-law ap-
pointed Postmaster at his town, Hardy
Ark?

Col. Andrews, Rothschilds railroad
"overseer" in North Carolina, is, as
everybody knows, a goldbug and a Re-
publican. He supported McKinley in
the last campaign and was one of
Mark Hanna's chief advisers in the
State. He has, however, determined
to control the Democratic party in
this State. He has a number of agents
high up in the councils of the party,
and is striving to have them placed
in positions of trust and influ-
ence. He is especially anxious to
get a majority of his agents on the
Democratic State committee. He is
determined that the Democratic State
Convention shall not denounce the
"ninety-nine year lease" or declare for
"lower freight and passenger rates." He
is moving heaven and earth to this
end, and the whole State will know
whether or not he has captured the
Democratic Convention, when it is
seen what kind of a platform they
will adopt.

The Democratic party is determined
to put the Democratic party in a de-
claration of silver in their State platform,
because this is an off year, and what
the Rothschilds are especially anxious
to get this year are the State legisla-
tures in the various States. The "over-
seer" would be willing for every mem-
ber of the legislature to declare he was
for free silver provided that so-called
silver member was standing in with
the railroads and monopolies.

In another column will be found an
important letter written by Mr. W. J.
Bryan to the National Democratic
Committee in this State. He pre-
sents clearly and forcibly reasons why
those who are opposed to the domina-
tion of gold and monopoly in North
Carolina should co-operate. He warns
the true silver Democrats against those
Cleveland and monopoly goldbugs who
are staying in the Democratic party in
order to create confusion or to work
out a bigger bolt than they could take
out at present.

Mr. Bryan shows that he clearly un-
derstands that these Cleveland and
monopoly Democrats intend to leave
the party if the party stands true to the
principles of Thomas Jefferson as ad-
vocated by Mr. Bryan.

In the same way it might be said
that there are certain so-called Popu-
lists who are now doing all they can
to create confusion in the Populist
party and who intend to go straight
into the Republican party if the Popu-
list party stand by its principles. These
Cleveland Democrats and these
Hanna Populists need to be watched
for they are both organizing and work-
ing for the same end.

If there is any man at your county
convention who is extremely anxious
to go as a delegate to the State con-
vention, and who does not seem to be
concerned at all about the cost, it
would be well enough to hesitate about
sending him as a delegate unless his
honesty and devotion to true Populist
principles is beyond question. Any
Populist who is opposing a co-opera-
tion of all who are opposed to gold
and monopoly can get a free pass if he
will take it, and no doubt he could get
the cash besides if he would accept it.
There are no doubt hundreds of true
Populists who have their doubts about
the wisdom of such a co-operation (and
we have no quarrel with such men),
but let it be remembered that however
honest they may be the fact still re-
mains that they favor the very policy
that every goldbug and monopolist in
the State is endeavoring to make them
remember that every bolter from the
party in the last legislature favors
this goldbug policy. In fact so many
bad men are in favor of the defeat of
co-operation it is time for all good
men to stop and think.

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great disappointment to him and his
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background is being very seriously
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offices. And yet there are Popu-
lists in Milwaukee who profess to
be content with this.

To get a few Populists into office
helping Democrats into office,
who do not believe in Populism,
but think more of office and the
spoils of office than they do of prin-
ciple, Democrats who would quiet
the hands and render powerless
the Populists who might be so se-
rious in their fight against the
gold and monopoly party. Their
aim is the recognition, the accept-
ance of the tenets of Populism.

My friend Marion Butler is fix-
ing a dish of fusion in his
Texas. He will gulp down of
course. Mr. Butler was a nice man
before he fell among the thieves
and scoundrels who infest this cess-
pool of rottenness. Marion should
have said to the Satans: "Get
behind me, but not in front of me."
He gave them a willing ear, and the
result is Mr. Butler is a political
slave. He is forced to do as the
political bosses tell him. The bosses
said "fusion," because that
means the death of the People's
party, and Butler says, "fusion,"
I hope the next Pop North Carolina
convention will kick Butler clear
out of the People's party over into
the camp of the Philistines, as that
is where he belongs.—Washington
Letter, in Southern Mercury.

It is significant that the fusion
State Convention, held in Oregon
last week, and made up of Demo-
crats, Populists, and silver Republi-
cans, rejected by a large majority
a resolution endorsing W. J. Bryan
and the free coinage of silver ques-
tion, but whether the change is to
be toward still greater latitude on
the currency question, and the sub-
stitution of free paper money for
free silver, is not apparent.

S.S.S. For The Blood

Which is better, to thoroughly
cleanse and purify a blood just
now, or make yourself liable to the
many dangerous ailments
which are so prevalent during
summer? Impurities have been
accumulating in the blood all
winter, and right now is the time
to get rid of them. A thorough
course of Swift's Specific is needed
to cleanse the blood and purify
the system, toning up and
strengthening it all over. Those
who take this precaution now are
comparatively safe all summer;
but to neglect it is to invite some
form of sickness which is so com-
mon during the trying hot season.
It is now that a course of Swift's
Specific

will accomplish so much toward
rendering the system capable of
resisting the evil influences which
are so liable to attack it during
the summer when sickness is so
abundant. It is the best tonic
and system-builder on the market,
because it is a real blood remedy
and is made solely to search out
and remove all impurities, and
supply an abundance of pure, rich
and red blood. S. S. S. is made
exclusively of roots and herbs,
and is Nature's own remedy. It
is purely vegetable, and is the
only blood remedy guaranteed to
contain no poison, mercury or
other mineral. Be sure to get S.
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Purify the Blood

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crowning ornament of both sexes,
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We give below a copy of the class
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nearly every Populist paper has been
receiving weekly for some time. These ready-made
editorials are prepared and sent
out at the expense of the Republi-
can campaign committee and they
show the systematic effort which
is made by the Republican and
Democratic and Populist co-opera-
tion.

It is a little odd that Chairman
Butler, Jones and Towne should
have made so much fuss about
"trusts" in their appeals to the pub-
lic when they were trying by
those same appeals to form a polit-
ical trust for the exclusive bene-
fit of themselves and a few political
friends.

The Populist press of the country
is strongly against the fusion pro-
position. Indeed it is hurt to name a strong Populist paper any-
where that favors it, as the intelli-
gent editor knows that it means
death to the party, and if he is loyal
to it he opposes fusion. It is only
the fellows who are in politics for
the slaves and fishes who favor
fusion.

A report from the State of Wash-
ington says the fusion proposition
is strongly there—among Demo-
crats only. Under the law the
they took the cream in company
with the Free Silver Republicans,
leaving the Populists who furnish
most of the votes with a minority
of the offices. On this basis the
Democrats think it is a good thing
and are trying to put it to the
test. There is a strong and respect-
able element of the Populists who
are opposed to fusion, both from
principle and from the fact that
they have furnished the fodder
while the other two wigs milked
the cow.

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